

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. An image forming apparatus, comprising:
 - an image reading block configured to read a manuscript image;
 - an image forming block located below the image reading block and configured to form an image on a recording sheet;
 - an operation block located at a front side of the image reading block and configured to operate the image forming apparatus, and the image reading apparatus; and
 - a sheet discharge section provided between the image reading block and the image forming block, and configured to receive a discharged recording sheet having the image formed by the image forming block,
- wherein the image reading block is only supported by the rear end of the image forming block, and a front end portion of the operation block is located above the sheet discharge section and is arranged at a position shifted toward a rear end of the image forming block against a front end position of the image forming block.